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Letter dated 7 March 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the communication dated 6 March 2012, which I have received from Mr. Abdurrahim el-Keib, Prime Minister of Libya (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex to the letter dated 7 March 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you in my own name and on behalf of the transitional Government of my country our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the sterling efforts exerted by the United Nations Mission in Support of Libya in assisting the Libyan people to reconstruct their country at an extremely sensitive stage of their history.

While we are most appreciative of what the Mission has achieved during the first phase of its work, we look forward to even greater support in facing the momentous challenges that lie before the Libyan State as it seeks to fulfil the aspirations of its people. We are therefore encouraged to request an extension of the Mission's mandate for one year, in order to support Libyan efforts to undertake the following:

- To manage the process of democratic transition, which requires technical advice and the provision of assistance in order to facilitate the electoral process in Libya and the preparation of the new Libyan constitution.
- To strengthen the role of the law and to reform and build a transparent system of criminal justice, with a view to ensuring that detainees receive humane treatment and underpinning national reconciliation.
- To reform and reinstate national security by implementing a national plan for disarmament and the reintegration of ex-combatants, and by developing security institutions.
- To recall arms, and secure and protect the Libyan borders.
- To coordinate and facilitate international assistance and the building of Government capacities in accordance with the needs of the various sectors.
- To exert all other efforts that will contribute to the transition from a state of revolution to a State.

I am happy to inform you, further, that the Government has enacted laws concerning the re-establishment, arming and training of the national army, with a view to ensuring that it is capable of protecting the country's security and guarding its borders. We should therefore like to request the Security Council to lift the arms embargo which was imposed on Libya pursuant to Council resolutions.

I should like to take this opportunity to once again thank both you and the team for all the efforts that have been exerted to assist the new Libya and to build a State based on justice and the law.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Mr. Abdurrahim **el-Keib**
Prime Minister